

MINNESOTA STATE COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, June 25, 2026
2:00 – 3:00 PM CT

PRESENT	Daron Korte Rep. Mary Frances Clardy Jonathan Lewis	Minnesota Compact Commissioner Minnesota House of Representatives Military Installation Representative
EXCUSED	Senator Steve Cwodzinski Tim Rohweder	Minnesota State Senate Superintendent, Proctor Public Schools
GUESTS	Stephanie Borrowman Allie Thomas	School Liaison/Transition Specialist, Installation Management Command, US Army Operations Coordinator, MIC3

ITEM 1 – Call to Order

1. Minnesota Commissioner Daron Korte called the meeting to order at 2:03 PM ET, and a roll call was conducted.

ITEM 2 – Welcome and Introductions

2. Commissioner Korte welcomed the members of the Minnesota State Council, and the members introduced themselves.

ITEM 3 – Agenda

3. Commissioner Korte reviewed the agenda with the members.

ITEM 4 – MIC3 National Updates

4. Commissioner Korte provided an update on the National Office activities. Trevin Stevens was hired as the Communications Associate, and Lindsey Dablow was selected as the new Executive Director following the departure of Cherise Imai. At the 2025 Annual Business Meeting (ABM), the Commission elected Commissioner Korte as the new Commission Chair, Maryland Commissioner Mary Gable as Vice Chair, and Washington Commissioner Greg Lynch as Treasurer. The dues increase was approved and would take effect in Fiscal Year 2027. Commissioner Korte announced that the 2026 ABM would be held in Indianapolis, Indiana, in October and that registration was open for those who planned to attend.

ITEM 5 – Minnesota Case Update

5. Commissioner Korte reported on two cases that he had received. One case was Compact-related and involved First Grade enrollment, and the other was non-Compact-related involving a high school senior who wanted to wear his National Guard sash at his graduation ceremony.

ITEM 6 – School Liaison Program Overview and Update

6. Dr. Stephanie Borrowman, School Liaison and Transition Specialist for the US Army

Installation Management Command, provided an overview of the School Liaison Program, highlighting the work of the installation School Liaisons and the issues that they can assist with. She noted the Compact-related trends and educational priorities for 2026.

ITEM 7 – Member Updates

7. Mr. Jon Lewis stated there was an opportunity to link the School Liaisons and districts for Month of the Military Child events. He noted that there could be a conversation to build in additional excused absences for military children. Commissioner Korte clarified that the Compact provisions include excused absences for deployment reasons. Dr. Borrowman shared information regarding the Military and Family Life Counseling program and noted that Child and Youth Services counselors were assigned to child development centers and schools.

ITEM 8 – Next Meeting and Adjournment

8. The members discussed the need for additional meetings and new State Council members, agreeing to hold two meetings each year. Dr. Borrowman agreed to become an ex-officio member of the Council and suggested inviting the Regional Liaison from the Defense-State Liaison Office to discuss education-related initiatives and priorities at the next meeting.

9. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM CT.